

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 89-638-C - ORDER NO. 90-574

JUNE 7, 1990

IN RE:	Application of Southern Bell Telephone)	ORDER GRANTING
	& Telegraph Company for Approval of)	MOTION FOR STAY
	Revisions to its General Subscriber)	OF COMMISSION
	Services Tariff Sections A-6 and A-13)	ORDER
	(Caller I. D.))	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of separate Motions for Stay filed on behalf of the Staff of the Commission and Steven W. Hamm, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) requesting the Commission to stay or suspend operation of Commission Order Nos. 90-428 and 90-530, issued in the above referenced docket.

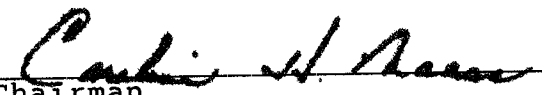
Both Motions essentially allege that the issue of whether Southern Bell's proposed Caller I.D. tariff is in violation of S.C. Code Ann., §17-29-10 et seq. (Cum. Supp. 1989) needs to be settled in an appropriate judicial forum. Order No. 90-530 issued by the Commission on May 21, 1990, invited the Consumer Advocate to test the legality of Caller I.D. In the meantime, according to the motion filed by the Commission Staff, it is not in the public

interest for the Commission to allow Southern Bell to offer this service. If the service was allowed and later found to be in violation of the criminal statutes of this State, many consumers may have invested in unnecessary and useless telecommunications equipment.

The Commission has determined, based on the allegations contained in the separate Motions for Stay filed by the Commission Staff and the Consumer Advocate, that the Commission Orders issued in this docket approving the Caller I.D. tariff of Southern Bell should be stayed and suspended until the legality of Caller I.D. service is resolved in the courts of this State. Accordingly, the rehearing scheduled for June 18, 1990, at 2:30 p.m. to hear additional testimony on the cost of this service should be cancelled until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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